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Our Case No. 10367/2123

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Patterson et al.)
Serial No. 10/675,284)
Filing Date: September 30, 2003) Group Art Unit No. To Be Assigned
For APPLIANCE FOR VACUUM)
SEALING FOOD CONTAINERS)

STATUS INQUIRY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants filed the above-identified application on September 30, 2004, but has not yet received a Filing Receipt, Notice to File Missing Parts, or a first Office Action. Please advise the undersigned attorney as to when a communication is expected to issue on this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Case No. 10367/2123
Serial No. 10/675,284	Filing Date 9/30/03	Examiner To Be Assigned	Group Art Unit To Be Assigned	
Inventor(s) Justine C. Patterson, Salvatore R. Siano, and Chi Kin John Mak				
Title of Invention APPLIANCE FOR VACUUM SEALING FOOD CONTAINERS				

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is A Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Status Inquiry; and White Acknowledgement Postcard.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Petition for a _____ month extension of time.
- No additional fee is required.
- The fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity		Other Than Small Entity		
Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra		Rate	Add'l Fee		Rate	Add'l Fee
Total	Minus				x \$9=			x \$18=	
Indep.	Minus				x 43=			x \$86=	
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$145=			+\$290=	
					Total add'l fee	\$		Total add'l fee	\$

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- A check in the amount of \$____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
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- I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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